

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 628 without my signature.

This bill would create additional pressure on available state and local school bond funds without first determining whether other options are available to school districts that would be impacted by the bill.

While I recognize that some elementary school districts may be operating certain schools in overcrowded school conditions, this bill fails to incorporate any determination of severity of overcrowding conditions or require that a district consider other options, such as realignment of attendance areas or relocation of portable classrooms, to remedy overcrowded conditions. Consequently, at a time when the known need for school construction funds exceeds currently available bond funds, more critically overcrowded projects could go unfunded.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger